

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Application No. | : | 10/528,725              | Confirmation No. 6955 |
| Applicant       | : | Alastair Robert Buckley |                       |
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a response submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to a FINAL Office Action dated August 28, 2007. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time is filed herewith to extend the deadline for Applicant's response from November 28, 2007 to February 28, 2008. Kindly amend the application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.